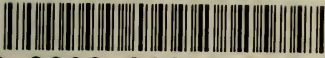


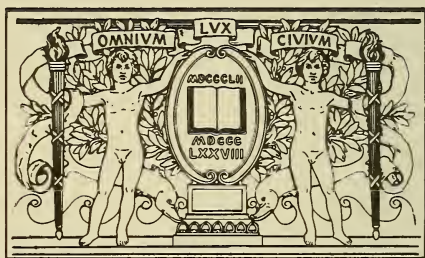
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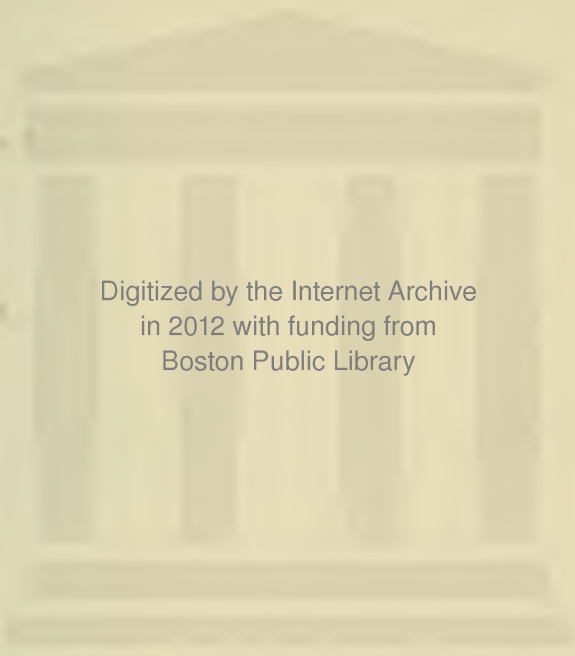
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AN ACCOUNT

OF THE

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DESCENDANTS OF JOHN PEASE,

WHO

LANDED AT MARTHA'S VINEYARD

IN

THE YEAR 1632.

BY FREDERICK S. PEASE,
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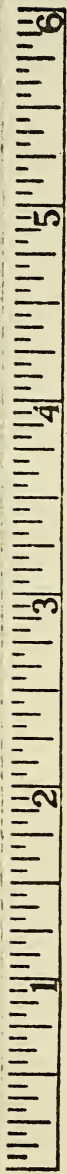
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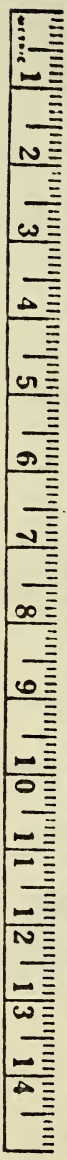
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PREFACE.

Our trans-atlantic ancestors deemed it highly important to preserve correct genealogies of their families; and although the same inducements may not have existed with our ancestors in this country, some families have transmitted to their posterity, minute, and exceedingly interesting histories, not only of births, marriages and deaths, but of other incidents equally interesting; while others, on account of the extreme hardships of the earlier times, which rendered the preservation of their lives in many instances, the all-absorbing consideration; and the facilities for ac-

quiring wealth and distinction, afforded by the later periods of our national existence, have so far suffered this practice to fall into disuse, as to be ignorant of the names of some of their later and more immediate ancestors.

My object in this compilation was not so much to set an example of reviving an interesting and useful practice, as to make an investigation in order to reconcile a diversity of opinion, that for a considerable number of years I had noticed in relation to the origin of the surname Pease, and to that part of the world from which the ancestor of the numerous families in the United States came, I undertook the investigation of the subject, without a thought of compiling a genealogy, much less of publishing the result of my investigations. But in the course of my researches from time to time, I obtained sufficient information concerning the different branches of the family in this coun-

try, to warrant the publication of the following history. Had the ultimate plan of the work been formed at first, it might have appeared without imperfections which may not escape the notice of some.

It appears by the coats of arms which have been borne by different branches of the family, in England, and which are described in the work, that the family name is of purely English origin; and that the description which is illustrated, may, with propriety, be adopted by such of the family in this country, as have occasion to use such an appendage.

It also appears, without much doubt, that John Pease, who landed on the Island of Martha's Vineyard, in 1632, came from Hull, in the county of York, England.

Should those into whose hands this pamphlet may fall be in possession of important facts relating to our family history, they will confer a favor by communicating them to me; as it is my intention,

should a sufficient amount of information
be obtained, to add an appendix.

FREDERICK S. PEASE.

Albany, N. Y., February, 1847.

GENEALOGY.

The compiler of this genealogy has been at great pains to collect facts relating to the early history of the name Pease; but had been unable to obtain more than a bare outline, prior to the beginning of the last century.

By correspondence with Joseph Robinson Pease of Hull, England, it appears that the name is of Yorkshire origin. That about 1650, Mr. Robert Pease and his son William migrated to Amsterdam, in Holland, and remained until 1708, when they returned. That George Pease resided in Limerick, Ireland, during about the same period, and that Joseph always resided in Hull. That they were highly respectable merchants, and had large

mills for crushing linseed in those places. He writes that there are several families of the name, respectable yeomanry farmers, in the neighborhood of Doncaster and Pontefract, in the county of York; but out of Yorkshire and Durham, he has never heard of the name; and never in Wales. His belief is that the name is of Yorkshire origin. He writes further in relation to Mr. Robert Pease, that his wife, whom he married in Amsterdam, was a descendant of the noble family of Clifford, Earls of Cumberland, and for three generations held church preferment in the counties of Cambridge and Leicestershire. The family has always been highly respectable, and by God's blessing, up to the present day, have many and great mercies to be thankful for. His late father's connexions are amongst the large landed proprietors in Staffordshire, and his brother's among those in Derbyshire, where their families have served the office of High Sheriff. His own are amongst some of the most highly respected landed pro-

prietors in East Yorkshire. His youngest brother, a clergyman, and two of Sir Robert Peel's brothers married sisters.

He is a banker in Hull, and successor to the Banking House that was established by his grandfather in 1754.

John Pease of Darlington, in the county of Durham, corroborates the opinion that the name is of Yorkshire origin. The branch of the family of which he is a member has been located in Darlington for five generations; and the first of the name who settled there came from the West Riding of the county of York. A village between the towns of Pontefract and Barnsly, named Scarcroft, was once pointed out to him as the abode of his ancestors.

John Pease, above mentioned, is a member of the Society of Friends, and an eminent preacher. He spent several months in this country a year or two since.

His brother Joseph, also a member of that Society, has been several times returned to Parliament for the southern division of the county of Durham.

There were no parish Registers kept in England prior to 1570. The earliest record that could be found, was that John Pease married Margaret Wilson, at the Holy Trinity Church, Hull, 9th of June, 1583.

John Pease, who landed at Martha's Vineyard about 1632, is supposed to have been the earliest emigrant of the name, to America, and it seems clear that the numerous families in this country may trace their origin back to him.

The following account of his landing, collected from various sources, may be regarded as authentic. It was furnished to the Nantucket Gazette, by a gentleman of intelligence, whose authority may be relied on, and copied into the Albany Evening Journal, August 2, 1838. It has been corroborated with some unimportant variations, by Isaiah D. Pease, Sheriff of Dukes county, Martha's Vineyard. Rev. Doct. Freeman, in his notes on the Vineyard, which were made up with great care, also makes substantially the same statement.

There may be no impropriety in stating the opinion of Joseph R. Pease of Hull, that John, who landed in 1632, might have been a son of John and Margaret who were married at Hull in 1583. The circumstance of the name John having for many generations been retained in one branch of the family for the oldest son, may also bear favorably on this point.

Doct. John C. Pease of Hartford, Ct., is the sixth from John Pease who first settled in Enfield, and he informs me that all his forefathers were named John, and oldest sons like himself.

In the fall of 1632, or a year or two later, a vessel bound from England to South Virginia, fell in with the south shoal of Nantucket, came up through the Vineyard sound and anchored off Cape Poge on account of a distemper which, like a plague raged, among the passengers and crew, twenty-five of whom died. Or according to another account, scarcity of provisions was the cause. Four men with their families, requested to be put on shore, preferring to take their chance

with the natives, than to pursue the voyage under such distressing circumstances. They landed at the spot since called (Pease's Point,) Edgartown. Their names were John Pease, Thomas Vincent, ——— Trapp, and ——— Browning or Norton. A red coat, presented, on landing, by Pease to the Chief or Sachem, secured at once the good offices of the tribe; and they were treated with hospitality.

In order to shelter themselves from the approaching winter, Pease and his company made excavations in the side of a hill near the water, whence they could command a full view of the harbor and adjacent bay. Some vestiges of these caves still remain. They remained here through the cold season, and were joined by others at different times, until in 1612 the whole number of families amounted to 24. At this period the Mayhews arrived.

An effort has been made by enquiry of the oldest inhabitants of Martha's Vineyard, who are descendants of the families that landed as aforesaid, to ascertain the

port from whence they sailed, and the name of the ship, which has been entirely fruitless; none of them having the least recollection in relation to it, notwithstanding some of them are nearly a hundred years old, and have the use of their faculties unimpaired.

Hon. James Savage of Boston, who has thoroughly investigated the subject in relation to the early history of New England, having been to England for the purpose, states that in 1635, eighteen ships sailed from London to Virginia, and that only seventeen are found in the lists that he examined in London. Might not this missing ship have been the one which was in distress at Martha's Vineyard? Might she not have been lost after leaving that island?

The tribe of Indians which inhabited the island had a tradition of the landing, corresponding with the account which has been given. Some of the tribe may be now remaining on the island.

Jeremiah Pease of Edgartown has a

brass medal, said to have belonged to John, who landed as aforesaid.

It has not been ascertained how large a family he had at the time of landing; but from a copy of his last will and testament, dated March 4, 1674, it appears that he had had two wives; the name of the first is not given; but tradition says her name was Elizabeth. He had two sons by her, James and John. His second wife was named Mary. By her he had four sons and four daughters;—Thomas, Jonathan, Samuel and David—Abigail, Mary, Rebecca and Sarah.

It has been impracticable to procure a list of the descendants of any of the four sons by his second wife, but David and Thomas, which is as follows:

BENJAMIN was the son of David, who had a son named SERU; who had sons Noah, Francis, Josiah and Elijah; and daughters Damaris, Rachel, Serena and Mahala.

NOAH had sons—Sprowel, Chase, Harrison, Isaiah D., Jeremiah and Abner D.; and daughters Ruby and Fanny.

ISAIAH D. has sons—Richard L., Silvanus L., Isaiah D. and Sprowel; and daughters Harriet D., Polly L. and Eliza F., by his first wife, whose name was Pelly Luce. His second wife's name was Jerusha P. Collin.

It is supposed that a record relating to the four sons as above named, was in a book which was stolen at the time of the death of John, their father. But by an examination of the Church Records at Edgartown, it appears that a Jonathan Pease was admitted to the church Nov. 7, 1736, and at the same time, his daughter Mary was admitted; and August 21, 1737, his daughters Anna and Sarah were admitted.

Benjamin, an adult person, was baptized June 13, 1731, and his sons Job, Noah, Ephraim, Abia and Seth. His daughter Jane was baptized April 30, 1732; Thankful 1735, and Lydia Oct. 9, 1737.

Sarah, wife of Nathan, was admitted to the church Sept. 25, 1726. Abigail, wife of Nathaniel, was admitted 1732. Jere-

miah, son of Nathaniel, was baptized May 29, 1743.

There was living at Martha's Vineyard in 1844 a man named Zechariah Pease, aged 91 years, who was the fourth in descent from Thomas, through Benjamin and David.

It is peculiarly unfortunate that the book of Records was stolen which belonged to John Pease; for it undoubtedly contained facts not only in relation to his family, but in relation to the place of embarkation of the company from England, which landed at the Vineyard, circumstances of the voyage, name of the ship, etc.

There are several families of the name on Martha's Vineyard.

Capt. Valentine Pease of Edgartown, who is upwards of 80 years of age, has heard his father and grandfather say, that the two oldest sons of John Pease, removed from Martha's Vineyard to Salem, Mass., and that their names were James and John.

The following statement by Rev. Charles W. Upham, of Salem, Mass., throws much light on the obscurity which has involved this subject:—

“Among the early inhabitants of Salem, were John Pease and Robert Pease: their names are found as early as 1637.

“Widow Pease joined the church 1639, Robert Pease joined it 1643. Both dead in 1660.”

“Nathaniel, Sarah and Mary, children of ‘Robert Pease,’ baptized 15th day of 8th month, 1643.”

“John, Robert, Mary and Abraham, children of ‘John Pease,’ baptized 3d day of 5th month, 1667.”

“John Pease admitted to the church, 4th day of 5th month, 1667.”

“James, son of John Pease, baptized November, 1670.”

“Isaac, son of John Pease, baptized September, 1672.”

“On sacrament day, John Pease and his wife had a letter of recommendation granted to the church at Springfield, Oct. 6, 1681.”

“From these dates, names and facts, all of which are found in the records of the First church,” [this church, which was *organized* in Salem Aug. 6, 1629, O. S., with Francis Higginson for pastor, was the first Protestant organization in the New World. The Plymouth brethren belonged to a church which remained at Leyden, and are supposed not to have established themselves as a distinct church until after the formation of this at Salem,] “I cannot doubt that the John Pease whose name appears in 1637, died before 1639, when ‘Widow Pease’ joined the church. ‘John Pease,’ whose children were baptized at different times from 1667 to 1672; who joined the church in 1667, and who with his wife was dismissed and recommended to the church at Springfield (Enfield), was undoubtedly the son of ‘Widow Pease.’”

In addition to the foregoing account by Mr. Upham, there is the following further account of the Pease family in Farmer’s Register:—

“HENRY PEASE, Mass., freeman 1634.

JOHN, Salem, was freeman 1637, perhaps one of the first four settlers of Martha's Vineyard. JOHN, was a member of the artillery company 1661, a captain, and probably removed to Enfield before 1684. ROBERT, Salem, 1637, member of the church 1643, died in 1644."

Henry Pease was in some way connected with the family of Gov. Jno. Winthrop, and probably came over in company with them in 1630. The Governor, in a letter to a friend, in relation to his domestic concerns, mentions the death of his "faithful servant, Henry Pease."

[It is the opinion of Isaiah D. Pease of Edgartown, that John and Robert, whose names appear in 1637, were the eldest sons of James Pease, and that he was the husband of widow Pease.]

The following record relating to the family of John, who removed to Enfield in 1681, has been furnished by John C. Pease, from the *town* register of Salem.

He had two wives, Mary and Ann, (Ann Cummings). By his first wife he had John, born March 30, 1654; Robert, born

March 14, 1656; Mary, born Oct. 8, 1658; Abraham, born April 5, 1662; and Jonathan, born January 2, 1668. Mary, his first wife, died January 5, 1668.

By his second wife, to whom he was married Oct. 8, 1669, he had James, born Oct. 23, 1670; Isaac, born July 15, 1672; and Abigail, born Oct. 15, 1675.

He was one of the commissioners who purchased the town from the Indians, and the first select-man chosen in the settlement.

The record relating to Robert Pease and his children has no direct bearing on the primary object of this compilation; but it appears by a minute examination of all records and traditions, that the John Pease, who with his wife went to Enfield in 1681, must have been a grandson of John Pease who landed at Martha's Vineyard in 1632.

The following history of the children of John who removed to Enfield in 1681, has been furnished by Doct. John C. Pease of Hartford, Ct.:—

JOHN, first son, came to Enfield 1679—

married Margaret Adams of Ipswich—died 1734, aged 80; left three sons and four daughters.

First, *John*, born at Salem 1678—married Elizabeth Spencer of Hartford—died 1761, aged 83; left one son: John, born 1726—married Basheba Jones, daughter of Tho. Jones, 1752—died 1810, aged 84; leaving four sons and two daughters.

James, 2d son, born at Salem 1679, came to Enfield 1679—married Mary Abbe, daughter of Tho. Abbe 1710—settled in Somers 1713, and died there. Had one son, Richard, born 1717; settled and died in Somers.

Joseph, his 3d son, born in Enfield 1693—married Mary Spencer of Hartford 1727—died 1757; leaving three sons: Joseph, born 1728; Stephen, born 1731; Jonathan, born 1740; all left Enfield. Joseph died in Sutfield.

Margaret, eldest daughter of John, born 1683—married Josiah Colton 1709—died 1775; had two sons and five daughters: Josiah, born 1709; Job, born 1711; Esther, born 1714—married Obadiah Hurlbut

1745; Margaret, born 1716—married David Phelps 1737; Abia, born 1718—married Col. John Bliss of Wilbraham—died 1803; Ann, born 1720—married John Parsons 1740; Hannah, married Joseph Gleason 1745.

Sarah, second daughter of John—married Timothy Root 1710—settled in Somers 1713—died 1750; had two sons and five daughters: Timothy, born 1719; Thomas, born 1726; Elizabeth, married Ebenezer Spencer 1733; Sarah, married John Abbe 1739.

Mary, third daughter of John—married Tho. Abbe 1714—died 1746; had two sons and five daughters: Obadiah, born 1728—died young; Thomas, born 1731—died 1811; Mary, married Dennis Bement 1737; Sarah, married Nathaniel Chapin; Tabitha, married Ephraim Pease 1740.

Ann, fourth daughter of John—married Jeremiah Lord 1719—settled in East Windsor—died 1753; had two sons and one daughter.

John was a surveyor, and one of the persons employed by the Salem colony

to explore the plantation previous to its settlement. He afterwards surveyed and laid out the town and other lots. He was the first constable of the settlement; the first captain of the "Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company." Subsequently a select-man, and indefatigable in his labors to advance the prosperity of the settlement.

ROBERT, second son, came to Enfield 1679—died 1744, aged 88; had four sons.

[It is stated in a letter from a lady in Suffield, Ct., daughter of the late Doct. Oliver Pease of that place, on the authority of a journal kept by her grandfather, Joseph Pease, that John and Robert, who removed to Enfield in 1679, lived the first winter in an excavation which they made in the side of a hill. Singularly coinciding with the alternative that their great-grandfather was obliged to adopt on his landing at the Vineyard, in 1632.]

Robert, born 1684—married for his first wife Hannah Sexton; had one daughter who married Nathaniel Pease. His second wife was Elizabeth Emery; had by her

four sons and one daughter: Robert, born 1724; Emery, born 1727; Abiel and Noah: all with their father settled and died in Somers, Ct.

Samuel, born 1686—married Elizabeth Warner—died 1770; had four sons and four daughters: Samuel, born 1717—married Teriah Chapin—settled and died in Enfield; left children. Ephraim, born 1719—married Tabitha Abbe 1740—died 1801; had three sons, who died young, and four daughters: Tabitha, died young; Sybil, married Rev. Elam Potter; Nancy, married Augustus Diggins; Agnes, married Rev. Nehemiah Prudden.

Aaron, third son of Samuel—married Anna Geer 1751—settled and died in Enfield; left children.

Nathaniel, fourth son—married Eunice Allen 1754—died in Norfolk, Ct., March 28, 1818, aged 93. His wife died March 21, 1807.

Mary, eldest daughter of Samuel Pease—married James Gains; had one son and two daughters.

Elizabeth, second daughter of Samuel—

married John Allen; had one son and two daughters.

Joanna, third daughter—married Benjamin Root; had one son and one daughter.

Mary, fourth daughter—married Christopher Parsons; had three sons and four daughters: Daniel, born 1692—married Abigail Fletcher—settled in Somers; had four sons: ✓

Daniel, born 1718; William; Parker and Asa; and four daughters.

Ebenezer, born 1698—married Mindwell Sexton—died 1743; had two sons: Ebenezer, who married Mary Terry 1739—died 1784, aged 70; and left children.

James, born 1721; had five daughters: Hannah, married Shubael Geer; had two sons and four daughters: Abigail, married Geo. Pyncheon of Springfield, Mass.; had three sons and two daughters: Mindwell, married Amos Bull 1741; had five sons and four daughters: Catharine, married Benjamin Hall 1746; had three sons and five daughters: Martha, married Caleb Bush; had six sons and five daughters.

Abigail, a daughter of Robert Pease, sen., married Nathan Hayward; had two sons, Thomas and Ebenezer; and five daughters: Mary, married Israel Phelps 1703; had one son and three daughters: Hannah, married David Miller for her first husband; had one daughter. By her second husband, Gershom Sexton, had five sons and four daughters.

ABRAHAM, third son of John—married Jane Mentor—died 1735 without children.

JONATHAN, his fourth son—married Elizabeth Booth, daughter of Zechariah Booth 1693—died 1721; left three sons: David, born 1698—removed to the southern states: Josiah, born 1706—went to Mass.: Pelatiah, born 1709—married Jeremiah Booth 1736—died 1769; had four sons and one daughter. One of the sons, Jonathan, died at Schenectady 1760. Rebecca, a daughter of Jonathan Pease, married John Pease 1736; had four sons and two daughters: Elizabeth, another daughter of Jonathan, married Ebenezer Chapin; had two sons and five daughters.

JAMES, his fifth son, came to Enfield

when he was ten years old—married Hannah Harman 1695—died 1748; left one son and six daughters: Joseph, born 1712—died 1800; had four sons: Noah, born 1736; Joseph, died 1758; Gideon, settled and died in Enfield; James, died in Somers 1830. Hannah, eldest daughter of James, born 1700—married Benjamin Terry 1721; had six sons and three daughters: Elizabeth, born 1703—married Benjamin Meacham 1722; had eight sons and three daughters: Mary, born 1706—married Jacob Terry 1730; had five sons and two daughters: Abigail, born 1708—married Nathaniel Collins 1735; had three sons and six daughters: Sarah, born 1710—married Jonathan Terry; had two sons and three daughters: Jemima, born 1716—married Lot Killam 1739; had four sons and six daughters.

ISAAC, the sixth and youngest son of John, married Mindwell Osborn 1691—died 1731, aged 59; left seven sons and two daughters:—

Isaac, born 1693—married Amie French 1722—died 1757; had four sons and two

daughters: Isaac, settled and died in Enfield; left children: Abner and Jacob, history unknown; Noadiah, married Terzah Smith 1745—moved to Sandisfield, Mass.; one daughter, Ann, married Ebenezer Hall 1753, the other, Lorraine, married John Gaines 1755.

Abraham, second son, born 1695—died 1750—married for his first wife, Jemima Booth 1719; had three sons and one daughter: Abraham, born 1721; John, born 1725—settled in Suffield; one son died young. The daughter married William Lord 1752. By his second wife, Abigail Warren, he had nine sons and one daughter: Moses, settled and died in Enfield, aged 91; left children: Samuel, died 1772; left a family: Joel, born 1737; Nathan, born 1740; removed to Wilbraham: Gideon, born 1741; removed to Mass.: Josiah, born 1744; William, born 1746—died in Enfield: Zebulon, born 1749—died 1829; one son died young. The daughter married Nathaniel Parsons.

Israel, third son of Isaac, Senior, born 1702—married Sarah Booth 1726—died

1771—had five sons, and four daughters. Israel died in Mass., left a family; David born 1729, died in Enfield; Hezekiah died in Enfield; Jesse born 1739; Nathan died in Enfield; Sarah married Jeremiah Lord; Mindwell married Ebenezer Terry; Alice married Thomas Root; Bathsheba married David Wilson.

Ezekiel, fourth son of Isaac, Senior, born 1710—married Hannah Chandler 1732, died 1793, had four sons; Ezekiel married Jemima Markham, removed to Vermont; Henry born 1739, removed to Mass.; Isaac died in Enfield, left a family; Oliver died young. There were five daughters: Hannah married Job Gleason, had three sons and seven daughters; Abiah married Samuel Gowdy 1759, had four sons and three daughters; Jane married Obadiah Hurlbut, had one son and four daughters; Mahitabel married Edward Parsons, had two sons and four daughters: Sarah married Jehiel Markham, had two sons and two daughters.

Timothy, fifth son, born 1713, married Mary Chandler 1736, died 1794; had three

sons and nine daughters: Timothy born 1737, and Edward and James settled in Enfield. Mary married Wareham Parsons; Abigail married David Terry; Martha died young; Deborah married Gideon Pease; Dorcas married Isaac Pease; Lydia married Ezekiel Pease; one daughter married Benjamin King; another married Samuel Hale; and another married Free-grace Hancock.

Cummings, sixth son, born 1715, married Elizabeth Pease, daughter of John Pease, for his first wife; had three sons. Cummings, left town; Ebenezer; Asa, died in Enfield. He had two daughters; Love, married Jacob Hills; Ruth, married David Hale. The second wife of Cummings was Sarah Hale, married 1755; had two sons.

Benjamin, the seventh and youngest son of Isaac, Sen., born 1717—married Abigail Rose, died 1768, had two sons; Benjamin married Margaret Prior, died at Enfield; Sharon died in Hartford, he had six daughters, two died young; Abigail married Zaccheus Prior 1759; Lucy married Reu-

ben Perkins; Rose married Daniel Kingsbury; Damaris married Edward Collins.

The two daughters of Isaac, Senior, were named Ann and Abigail; Ann married Nathaniel Prior 1725; the history of Abigail is unknown.

CHILDREN OF NATHANIEL PEASE.

PHINEAS, born in Enfield, Ct., January 9, 1755—died at Stockbridge, Mass., July 11, 1836—married Betsey Lawrence, daughter of Nehemiah Lawrence, of Canaan, Ct.; was a tanner and shoemaker. Had sons, Flavius, Phineas, Peter P., Hiram and Alonzo. Daughters: Sally, Pela, Patty, Betsey, Amelia and Amanda.

CALVIN, born in Enfield, Ct., September 14, 1757—died at Canaan, Ct., March 2, 1815—married Sally Ives, daughter of Titus Ives, of Norfolk, Ct.; was a farmer. Had sons, Salmon and Prudden, and one daughter: Sally, who died young.

LOVISA, born at Enfield, Ct., Dec. 1760—died 1835—married Giles Pettibone, of Norfolk, Ct.

ALLEN, born in Enfield, Windsor or Go-

shen, Ct., Oct. 12, 1762—died at Sheffield, Ms., April 8, 1843—married Rachel Tibbals of Norfolk, and Tamsin Sears of Sharon; was a clothier. Had children by his first wife, Harlow, Electa and Uri; by his second, John S. and Eunice.

NATHANIEL, born in Goshen, Oct. 22, 1764—died at Poughkeepsie, November 6, 1815—married Jerusha Hall, daughter of Deacon Hall, of Norfolk, Ct.; was a blacksmith. Had sons, Dudley and Grove; and daughters, Almira and Betsey.

OBADIAH, born in Goshen, Ct., Nov. 21, 1766—died at Norfolk, Feb. 10, 1809—married Daziah Pettibone, of Norfolk; was a tanner and shoemaker. Had sons, Augustus and Obadiah; and daughters, Daziah, Harriet and Emily.

DUDLEY, born in Norfolk, Feb. 1768—died in infancy.

EUNICE, born June 29, 1770—died Oct. 3, 1806—married Edmund Akins, of Norfolk.

ELECTA, born July 20, 1772—died August 30, 1843—married Ahijah Pettibone, of Simsbury, Ct.

BETSEY, born July 21, 1774—died Feb., 1819—married Osias Pettibone, of Granby, Ct.

FLAVIUS, born in Norfolk, Oct., 1776—died young.

EARL P., born in Norfolk, July 30, 1778—married Mary Ives, daughter of Joseph Ives, of Canaan, Ct.; is a clothier. Had three sons and one daughter:—

Joseph Ives, born at Norfolk, Ct., Aug. 9, 1809—married Mary Spencer, of Baltimore, Md., Dec. 8, 1841, by Rev. Mr. Furness, at Philadelphia.

Richard Henry, born at Norfolk, Ct., Feb. 19, 1813—married Mary Elliott Dawes, of Philadelphia, June 10, 1835, by Rev. Mr. Furness, at Philadelphia.

Minott Sherman, afterwards named Roger Minott Sherman, born January 13, 1822, at Norfolk, Ct.—married Abby Elizabeth Slack, of Albany, N. Y., January 26, 1841, by Rev. Doct. N. S. S. Beman, at Troy, N. Y.

The daughter, Mary Eliza, was born at Canaan, Ct., March 19, 1803—married

Enoch Noyes, at Hartford Ct., March 19, 1828. She died at Albany, Nov. 21, 1829.

MARTHA, born May 5, 1781—died March 5, 1784.

It may be said further in relation to Robert Pease who joined the church in Salem in 1643, that he was probably a son of widow Pease, whose name is found in the records of the church at Salem. Nathaniel, who was baptized in 1643, is recorded in 1675, to have been suspended, or declared a "*non-member*" of the church, (being the lowest degree of excommunication,) for absenting himself from church meetings, and public worship. He probably removed to Enfield at about this time.

Mr. Upham has given the following name from the records of the Salem church: "Ann Pease was admitted to the church from Ipswich in 1672;" but as to who she was, he had no clue. But by a comparison of the town and church records, and other information, it is highly probable that she must have been the Ann Cummings whom John Pease married for his second wife, Oct. 8, 1669.

THE FAMILY OF SALMON, eldest son of CALVIN PEASE. June 14, 1803, at Canaan, Ct., Salmon married Matilda, daughter of Doct. Thomas Huntington, a native of Norwich, Ct., who married Molly Ward, of Attleborough, Mass. He was born Jan. 13, 1745, and lived to the advanced age of ninety years. He was a descendant of the Christopher branch of the family, (there were three branches: Christopher, Simon and Samuel,) from a Puritan, who died on the passage to this country from Norwich, England; whose name is not certainly known; but it has been called Simon. His father's name was John. He had four brothers: John, who was minister at Salem, Mass., many years ago; Solomon, Andrew, and Ezra.

The following list of ancestors in his line, embraces the principal names: Simon, Christopher, Christopher, Thomas, who settled at Mansfield, Ct.; Isaac, who married Rebecca Lathrop; Col. Hezekiah, who married —— Frink, and Widow Williams; Jabez, who married Elizabeth Edwards, and Sarah Booth; Matthew,

who married Widow Lanatree, of Preston, Ct.; John, who married —— Tracy; Jeremiah, who married —— Reynolds, and Sarah Watrous; Christopher, who married a Bingham; Thomas, Jedediah, Simon, Eleazer, Isaac, who married Lucy Edgerton and lives at Bozrah; Nehemiah, who married Louis Hinckley; Elijah, who married Anna Carew, and lives at Bozrah; Joseph, Benjamin, who married Mary Carew; Gurdon, who married Lydia Lathrop, now widow of Capt. Elisha Lathrop; Jabez, who married Judith Elderkin; and Nathan and Amos, who went to Vermont.

Salmon and Matilda had ten children; nine sons and one daughter:

Frederick S., born May 21, 1804; married Julia Lawrence of Canaan, Litchfield county, Ct., Sept. 18, 1832.

Calvin, born July 20, 1806; died at the age of three months.

Erastus II., born Sept. 10, 1807; married Lydia B. Fry of Albany, April 15, 1835.

Aaron G., born Feb. 22, 1811; married Anne Page of Rutland, Vt., Oct. 18, 1842.

Calvin, born Aug. 12, 1813; married

Martha Howes of Montpelier, Vt., May 17, 1843.

Thomas H., born Oct. 24, 1815; married Catharine N. Coon of Brooklyn, Long Island, April 16, 1838.

Peter E., born May 11, 1818; married Cordelia Rich of Charlotte, Vt., June 14, 1841.

Reuben O., born Aug. 23, 1823.

Roscius M., born March 7, 1825; died Oct. 12, 1844.

The daughter, Mary M., born Aug. 22, 1820; married George Francis of Bethel, Vt., Sept. 28, 1841.

Salmon and Matilda removed to Charlotte, Vermont, in the fall of 1826.

Prudden, second and youngest son of Calvin Pease, married Lucy Williams of Canaan, Litchfield county, Ct. Had two children, Seth and Sally. Died at Canaan, Ct., Dec. 2, 1838, aged forty nine years.

The following statement will show the number of generations of the descendants of John who landed in the year 1632, as far as they could be ascertained:

1st. Through DAVID, a son by his second

wife, eight generations; the greater part of whom have resided on the Vineyard.

2d. Through JAMES or JOHN, sons by his first wife, who removed to Salem, there are the children of his grandson *John* who removed to Enfield in 1679:—

John, eight generations; James, seven; Joseph, seven; Margaret, seven; Sarah, seven; Mary, seven; and Ann, seven generations.

3d. The children of his grandson *Robert* who removed to Enfield in 1679:—

Robert, seven generations; Samuel, ten; Daniel, seven; Ebenezer, eight generations.

Abraham, the third grandson, died without children.

4th. The children of his grandson *Jonathan*:—

David, six generations; Josiah, six; Jonathan, six; Pelatiah, seven; Rebecca, seven; and Elizabeth, seven generations.

5th. The children of his grandson *James*, who removed to Enfield at the age of ten years:—

Joseph, seven generations; Hannah,

seven; Elizabeth, seven; Mary, seven; Abigail, seven; Sarah, seven; and Jemima, seven generations. ✓

6th. The children of his grandson *Isaac*:

Isaac, seven generations; Abraham, seven; Israel, seven; Ezekiel, seven; Timothy, seven; Cummings, seven; Benjamin, seven; Ann, six; and Abigail, six generations. ✓

The longevity of the family has been quite remarkable. A great number of names has been given; but the precise age of more than about thirty at the time of their death, could not be ascertained. 11

Of these, four were of the age of 90 and upwards; thirteen were of the age of 80 and upwards; two of 70 and upwards; four of 60 and upwards; four of 50 and upwards; and two of 40 and upwards. Their average age being about seventy-five years. And it may safely be assumed, that could the precise ages of all of them be ascertained, the average would not be reduced.

A considerable number of persons of this name, were members of the Society

of Shakers which was formed at Enfield, Ct., more than sixty years ago. They were Lot Pease with his family, and a number of other relatives: Benjamin, Eli, Justin, Lot Jr., Samuel, Elias, Peter, Levi and others, all natives of Enfield. Peter lived and died in this society. Samuel and Levi both lived and died in the society at Watervliet, in the county of Albany, N. Y.—*Letter from Jonathan Wood of New Lebanon, N. Y.*

It has been said that the Shaker societies in Ohio, were founded by an individual named Pease; whereas, three persons, one of whom was Benjamin S. Youngs, now living at Watervliet, were sent from the Enfield society, in 1805, as missionaries, and formed societies in Ohio and Kentucky. The member of this mission named Pease, was a son of Samuel Pease, first son of Samuel son of Robert, who was born in 1686, and a nephew of Nathaniel who settled at Norfolk, Ct.

Mrs. Granger, widow of the late Gideon Granger and mother of the Hon. Francis Granger, who resides in Canandaigua, N.

Y., was from Suffield, Ct. She was a daughter of Joseph Pease, grandson of John who removed to Enfield in 1679.

Calvin Pease, a descendant of John, and son of Joseph Pease of Suffield, went from Suffield to Ohio; was one of the first settlers of the Connecticut Reserve. He resided in Warren, Trumbull county. He was a man of great respectability, and for many years Chief Justice of the state. He died six or eight years since.

The Peases who reside at Dayton, Ohio, and the immediate vicinity, were from Suffield.

The mother of Hon. Eli Pease Ashmun, U. S. Senator from Mass., who died in 1819, was a grand-daughter of Robert Pease.

The following incident of the gale of September 28, 1815, having found a place among the Historical Collections of Massachusetts, may not be out of place here.

Theophilus Pease of Rochester, Mass., aged 73, having repaired to a small island at Mattapoissett, during the gale, to preserve some hay, soon saw his dangerous

situation; and having a pitchfork in his hand and a line in his pocket, he lashed the fork across the limbs of a tree which he had selected, and stood upon it about six hours, partly in the water, until the tide ebbed. There were only three or four trees on the island, all of which were carried away by the flood, but the one he selected. A remarkable instance of preservation.

The following coats of Arms have been borne by different branches of the family in England; and that which is illustrated by an engraving, was probably the appendage of an ancient family in our direct line.



PEASE (Hull, county of York.) Vert. a Chevron between three Bucks trippant Or, in the middle Chief point a Bezant. on a Chief per fess Gu. and Ar. an Eagle displayed counter changed.

Crest, an Eagle's head erased, holding in the beak a slip of Pea-haulm ppr.

PEASE (as borne by Robert Copeland Pease, Esqr., of Ottery St. Mary, county of Devon.) Gu. a Saltire Ar. between four Plates, each charged with a Leopard's face ppr.

Crest, a Leopard's head guardant coupéd at the neck holding in the mouth a Sword barways ppr. collared Az.

PEASE (London, granted to Robert Pease, Gent. 1653 or 1763.) Per pale Gu. and Vert. a Fess indented, Erminois between three Lambs pass. Ar.

Crest, on a Mount Vert. a Dove rising, Ar. holding in the beak Gu. a Pea-stalk, the blossoms and pods ppr., legs as the beak.—*Burke's Ency. of Heraldry.*

PEASE (Sir George Pease 1642.) Az. a Chevron between three Lozenges Or.

Crest, a Leopard's head erased ppr. languid Gu.

APPENDIX.

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- JOHN who came to Enfield in 1679, was the first Captain of the first Militia Company of Enfield.

NOTE—PAGE 22.

Second line from bottom, *John, the father of John and Robert, who removed to Enfield in 1681.* There was a material error in the statement that he was the first Captain of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. He was a *member* of that company, according to Whitman's History of the same, and a "Captain." He was enrolled in 1661. Lieut. Win. Howard, George May, Robert Sanford and Edward Page were also enrolled in the same year. He probably acted as Captain, in the command of a "Trainband," which existed in Salem several years previous to his enrollment.

[He was also "a deputy to General Court" from Salem.]

For the information of such as may be unacquainted with the history of this company, it may be stated that it is originally a branch of the Honorable Artillery Company of London, which was chartered in the

reign of Henry VIII. Several of the first planters had belonged to the Honorable Artillery Company in London, and probably desired to establish a branch of it in the place of their adoption. They, therefore, the leaders and officers of the Voluntary "train-bands" which existed in the several towns, and the principal magistrates and citizens, formed a new military association, and as early as 1637 met for improvement in discipline and tactics.

It was incorporated in 1638, under the name of the *Military Company of Massachusetts*. The first mention on record of their using the word *Honorable* is in 1743. Nor does it appear that they introduced the words *Ancient and Honorable*, excepting once in 1762, long after they had been styled so by the people, in their records, till 1786, when the company was revived after the Revolution.

This company was at first armed with muskets. Probably the name of "Artillery Company," originated by the introduction of field pieces; and the name of *Artillery*, has been retained since the use of it has been relinquished. The addition of *Honorable* was applied by the people on account of the many distinguished men who had belonged to and commanded it; and the word *Ancient* has been added by common consent and usage since the expiration of their first century.

It was a custom that every member should procure two bonds-men for his good conduct, and the payment of fines. The attachment of the members to each other has ever been evinced by mutual interchange of

friendship, patronage in business, relieving the unfortunate and reclaiming the imprudent. The Head Quarters of the company, has always been at Boston; but its members seem to have resided in different towns, and to have been both such as have held commissions and such as have not. It was the Military School of the State.

By its charter, the company had a grant by the State of one thousand acres of land for the purpose of defraying its expenses.

It has always been customary to have a sermon preached annually before the company. Doct. Coleman in his century sermon in 1738, says the *captains* awed their *families* and *neighbors*, by their gravity and piety, as well as frightened their enemies by their boldness and firmness. The *natives trembled* when they saw them train, and old as well as young stood still and revered them, as they passed along *in martial order*.

The first on the roll was Capt. Robert Keayne, who was the first commander of the company, elected June, 1638.

NOTE—PAGE 23.

John and Robert, who removed to Enfield in 1679, and lived the first winter in an excavation in the side of a hill, were the first white inhabitants in the place. The following spring they removed their families, making Enfield their permanent residence.

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Catharine N., wife of Thomas H. Pease, died at New Haven, Ct., February 7th, 1814.

NOTE—PAGE 40.

The following is a letter from Benjamin S. Youngs, an officer of the Shaker Society in Watervliet, Albany county, N. Y.:

The Peases who have lived and died in our community since about the years 1782-3, were quite numerous and respectable. There were five or six families—and what seems strange, it appears that no one of the families, as I could ever learn, claimed relationship to any of the others—although they all lived in Enfield, Ct., and in Somers, Mass., near the state line adjoining Enfield: but I think it most probable that they were all of one original stock, and had neglected or lost their genealogy. All *our Peases* we count originally from Enfield, Ct.

Samuel Pease was the son of Lot and Sarah Pease, who previous to the period above mentioned, lived in Somers, and had four sons and two daughters—viz: Samuel, Caleb, Enoch and Lot, Jemima and Elizabeth. This family removed to Enfield, on or before the first organization of the Society there. Probably this was about the year 1786 or '7. Jemima went to the Society in Hancock, Mass., and died there a year or two since. Enoch was something of a preacher at Enfield, but left the Society some eighteen years ago.

The aforesaid Samuel Pease, eldest son of Lot Pease, was born Sept. 19, 1766. He came to this

place in May, 1788, at the time of the first organization and establishment of this Society, and died here, Oct. 8, 1831. I became first acquainted with him in 1794, and lived in the same house with him for some time, before I went to the western country. He was a noble and generous hearted man, and was greatly beloved and esteemed by all who knew him; was among the first of those who by their labors, supported and established this institution, and of those whom we call the *Ancients* of the Society. He was always in care, either of a temporal or of a spiritual nature: first, he was a deacon or trustee, in the management of property, and other outward concerns, for many years; then for several years an elder, and then again a deacon until the day of his decease.

Then there was Timothy Pease and his wife, (her name not recollected,) who had four sons and one daughter—viz: Abial, Levi, Ruth, Jonathan and Justin. Jonathan “took his own head” and followed the example of his eldest brother Abial, who had a wife and three or four children, who all stood out in opposition to the Shaker Faith. Justin was killed by lightning, while too anxiously engaged in getting up hay in a meadow, some thirty years ago. Levi Pease, the second son of Timothy, was born August 5, 1771. He came to this place, June 15, 1790; was a second elder in the church for many years; was a man of the most upright and exemplary character, and much beloved for his uprightness, stability and usefulness. He died here, Sept. 5, 1832. Timothy Pease, the father of Levi, was in the old French war, say in 1759.

Then there was a Benjamin Pease and Peggy his wife. They had no children. He was a man much noted, and of very respectable character and influence, and in good outward circumstances. Lived in the old town of Enfield, on the east side of Connecticut river, fourteen miles above the city of Hartford, and six miles S. W. from our Enfield Society, at the time he became a Shaker and for sometime afterwards. He was about four years older than Samuel Pease, and was the chief deacon and trustee in the church and Society at Enfield, for some ten or twelve years, or perhaps more.

Then there was an Abner Pease* and Lovicy his wife, and perhaps three children, who had removed to or lived in Stephentown, near New Lebanon, before that Society began to be organized. Abner and Lovicy were both sound, true hearted and zealous Shakers, till the day of their deaths; but the children, being in opposition to the faith of their parents, like Timothy's son Jonathan, "took their own heads" and *heels* too. Abner died at his residence in Stephentown, of the small-pox, some time in the year 1784, aged forty-five; and Lovicy died at New Lebanon, some time in the year 1788, aged thirty-seven. Then there was a Sarah Pease, (never married,) who died at New Lebanon, June 12, 1811, aged eighty-one years. She was aunt to Samuel Pease, and was usually called Aunt Sarah.

*Abner was probably one of the four sons of Isaac, first son of Isaac who was the sixth and youngest son of John who came to Enfield in 1679. See page 23.

Then there were three Peases, brothers, (whose parentage I know not,)—viz: Eli, Elias and Peter.* Eli had a wife and three or four children; but she not liking his *Shaker notions* about killing self, and crucifying the flesh with its affections and lusts, and all that, the rib broke loose from his side and “cleared out;” and took off, or caused to be taken off, all the produce of their former mutual labors; and thus left poor Eli to shake and to “work out his own salvation” alone, without any of her help or assistance. Elias Pease had a wife and perhaps three children. All these were Shakers.

Peter Pease, the youngest brother of the three, was born June 12, 1767. This was he who went to the western country. He went from Enfield to New Lebanon in the winter of 1788, the year after that Society commenced coming together, and first began to be organized in its present form and order. In the spring of 1806, he went to the State of Ohio as trustee and agent, entrusted with donations and funds from the eastern societies, for forming in the western country an independent establishment of our own. This place is now called Union Village. It is four miles west from the town of Lebanon, and thirty miles N. E. from Cincinnati. He arrived there on the 31st May, in company with eight others, six of whom were females. Myself and five others were in that country at the time, having gone there the preceding year.

*Eli, Elias, and Peter, were undoubtedly sons of Samuel Pease who was the first son of Samuel, son of Robert who came to Enfield in 1679.

I lived with Peter in the same house, about six years. He was a trustworthy and useful member of society; was the first or principal deacon and trustee in the church and Society at Union Village for about twelve or thirteen years. He returned to New Lebanon in the spring of 1819 and died there, Oct. 2, 1827.

NOTE.

It is designed that every family shall have a copy of this book. It will be sent gratis to all who have furnished any of the subject matter. And will be sent to other families, on condition that the family applying, shall furnish in return, the place of its residence, and as complete a history of its origin and members as may be practicable. And as considerable expense has been incurred in the publication of the work, twenty-five cents a copy, or four copies for a dollar will also be required.

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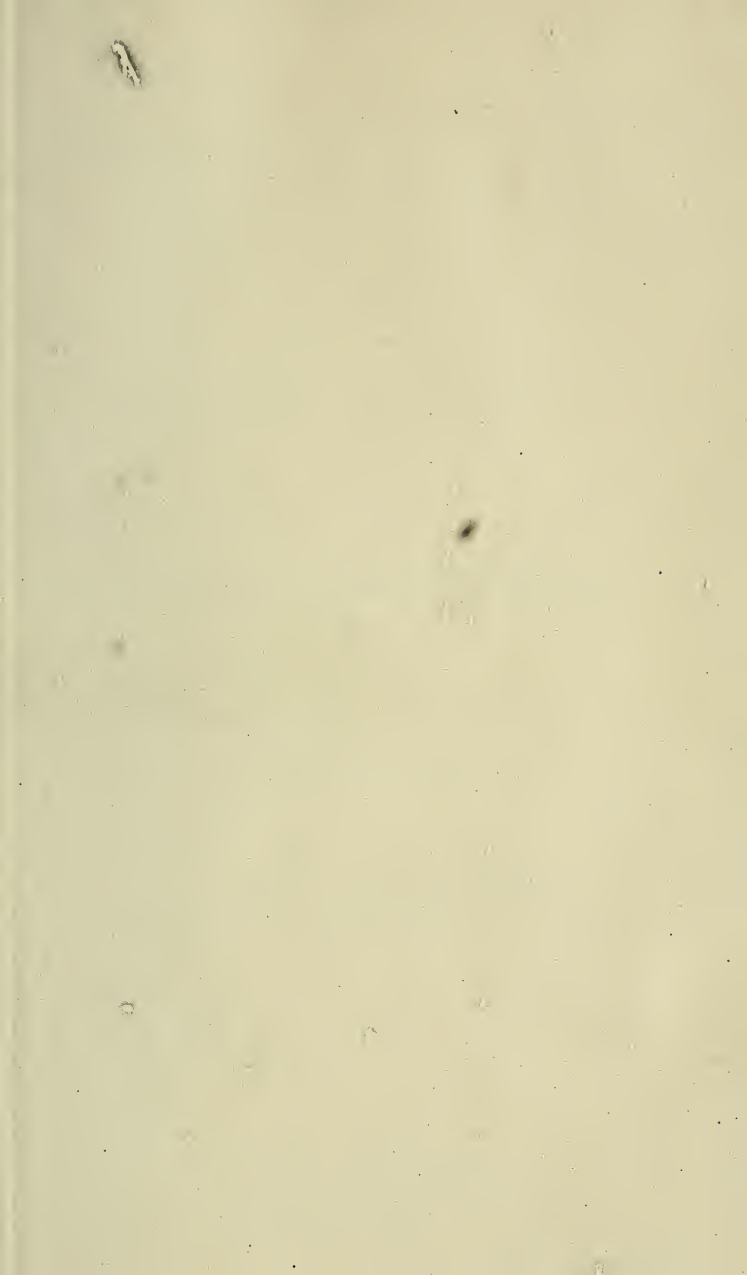
An example of the information that will be desirable in forming an appendix to this history, will be found by referring to the family of Nathaniel, fourth son of Samuel, on page 31; of Earl P., on page 33; and of Salmon, on page 35. To the former, as to occupations or professions. With the addition of such incidental events as may be considered generally interesting.

F. S. P.

ERRATA.

- Page 19, third line from top, for JOHN, read II JOHN.
- Page 25, eleventh line from top, *Daniel*, born 1718. The names that follow: William, Parker and Asa, are his three sons.
- Page 26, fifth line from top, for 1703, read 1713.
- Page 26, fifth line from bottom, for Pease, read Pierce.
- Page 23, sixth line from top, for Lorraine, read Laurani.





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